

# Torrance Drops Tourney Duke

## The Fearless Spectator

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I've been getting no little static from the gun nuts in recent days, and I must say that the more I read these communique the leerier I get of the species.

There is a rather creepy self-righteousness about most of them, like a Reverend caught in a brothel.

"Regulate us?" The tone of outrage is exquisitely pained. These guys are convinced the country (which, of course, they built) will sink like the lost Atlantis if anything is done to patrol effectively the \$250 million annual firearms and shooting accessories biz.

I have come to the conclusion that the private gun users, and their spokesman, the National Rifle Association, are just about the most spoiled minority in this country.

After the horrible events in Dallas, I recommended that Congress pass an act permitting appropriate police agencies to distribute mail-order rifles, of the kind that killed President Kennedy.

The howl from the Gun Lobby was blood-curdling. You would think I had urged that every gun in the country be put into some gigantic hellbox and fused back into metal. The peals were so loud as to suggest, to a suspicious mind like mine, that maybe there was a little guilty knowledge around.

I have also concluded that police supervision of mail order rifles, while about all that could possibly be hoped for on a national level at this time, is far from adequate protection against the kooks who wield all kinds of guns for illegal purposes.

An automobile, with some rightness, is often described as a lethal weapon. But an automobile is not a lethal weapon by definition as guns and rifles and other shooting devices are.

Would it not be possible on a state level to impose the same kind of responsibilities and licenses on a gun owner as on a car owner?

That he be able to use his tool, that he be of age, that he pay a fee for a license, that he register his hardware, that he be fingerprinted and mugged, and that the tool be taken from him when he has demonstrated he is unfit to use it?

To this the gun nut, having been well brainwashed by the National Rifle Association, will reply to you that driving a car is a privilege, but owning a gun is a right.

This is bull, pure and simple, as I've already pointed out more than once. The Constitution of this Nation does not anywhere, or in any sense, offer its protection to those nimble and virile laddies who gun the birds and the beasts.

The Constitution, in the Bill of Rights, simply asserts the right of State militias to be armed, to protect against the actions of a possibly predatory central government.

In a superb illustration of Big Lie technique, this protection has been extrapolated by the Gun Lobby to protect and bless the follower of game sports and the gun lover per se. "The right of the people to bear arms" is the way they put it.

It's important to realize, in any discussion of this problem, that no such right exists, or has existed.

Yet if gun lovers are really as much in love with their weapons as the NRA and the gun dealers are constantly suggesting, it is hardly likely that they will give up guns because they will need a license to shoot 'em. I don't think many car sales are lost because licenses are obligatory.

To be sure, the dealers will lose the custom of the likes of the Dallas killers. But it could be that they are too young and too decent to need that kind of loot anyhow. I'd like to hear from them on the subject.

## Beverly Hills Edges Tartars in Opener

Following a narrow opening-round defeat, Torrance High will switch to the consolation bracket of the Beverly Hills Invitational Basketball Tournament today at 3 p.m. against Santa Monica.

Host Beverly Hills came from behind for a 69-66 win over the Tartars Tuesday night to knock Torrance out of championship contention. Santa Monica's loss-prone quintet was belted, 74-59, by powerful El Monte on Tuesday.

During the Pacific Shores Tournament, Torrance handed Samohi a 78-49 defeat as four men wound up in double figures. Walt Hale (19), Gary White (16), Bob Romero (15) and Mike Hatter (14) were too

much for the Vikings in the earlier engagement.

FORWARD Warren Tetley, one of only two returning Beverly Hills lettermen, sank 33 points to pace a wild comeback effort by the Normans on Tuesday.

Torrance found itself in a 21-14 hole after one quarter of action but came back in the second period to go ahead at intermission, 31-30. In the third period, both quintets dropped 16 markers through the cords, but Tetley and Beverly Hills managed 23 points in the final stanza for the triumph.

TETLEY received 20 points worth of help from guard Rick

Marks and that was almost all of the assistance the Normans needed.

In a vain attempt to match the Beverly offensive thrust, sole Torrance letterman Mike Hatter plunked in 17 points and received double figure aid from forward Walt Hale and guard Bob Brennan.

HALE RESPONDED with 16 markers and Brennan, whose brother Jim is a former Torrance High cage great and a current starter at El Camino College, wound up with 14 digits.

North High opened its bid for the tournament crown yesterday afternoon against Montebello. A North victory would place the Saxons in the championship bracket against Mira Costa at 3 p.m. today. An NHS loss would place it in the consolation division against El Segundo at 7:30 p.m. today.

SOUTH HIGH, although not an entrant in the Beverly Hills classic, will have one more game before taking a six-day break for the Christmas holidays. The Spartans will entertain arch-rival West High tomorrow at 8 p.m. in a non-league battle.

Saturday night, South rebounded from an upset loss to Bishop Montgomery with a 55-37 triumph over Fermin La-suen. Heavy-firing Don Denson dropped in 26 points as the Spartans took an early lead and held it all the way.

Byron Schweigert, with 10 points, was the only other Spartan to hit in double figures.

## Recreation Cage Year Will Begin

Twenty-four basketball teams, and 12 Amble League squads are slated to begin play in their respective leagues during the first two weeks of January, according to Elmer "Red" Moon, adult athletics supervisor for the Torrance Recreation Department.

A Thursday Open League will swing into action in the Torrance High boys' gymnasium, with games scheduled for 7, 8 and 9 p.m., on Jan. 2.

The Industrial League also begins on Jan. 2, with games slated for the same hours at North High. The Church League will start Monday, Jan. 6, at North High and Tuesday's Open League on Jan. 7, at Torrance High.

Amble Leagues will get under way Wednesday, Jan. 8.

Each team is to play one game each week, for a ten week period, to determine the respective champions. Currently, leagues are filled with the exception of openings in the Amble and Open Leagues.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Mr. Moon at the Recreation Office, 3032 Torrance Blvd., Phone FA 8-5310, EXT. 263.

## Tribe Will Open Home Cage Slate

Dumbfounded after an unbelievable defeat Tuesday afternoon, El Camino College will host Citrus tomorrow at 8 p.m. in a non-conference basketball engagement.

El Camino dropped a 63-62 decision to Trade Tech on Tuesday when Beaver forward Larry Jones plunked an incredible two-pointer through the cords with five seconds left to play.

WITH TRADE TECH behind by one point, Jones picked up a loose ball, and despite the attempts of three Warrior defenders, flipped the ball over his head, without looking, into the hoop.

Former Torrance High ace Jim Brennan collected 21 points, 19 in the second half, to lead a futile Redskin comeback. Camino trailed 36-25 at intermission, but Brennan's hot gunning brought the Braves back into contention and shot them ahead before Jones collected on his miracle basket.

CLARK CANFIELD, a transfer from Glendale Junior College, hit 16 points and was the only other Warrior besides Brennan to connect in double figures.

Willie Scott pumped in 17 counters and Ricky Cortez added 15 to pace Trade Tech. Jones finished with 13 points.

## Ice Hockey Teams Drop Two Games

Two Torrance entries in the Olympic Minor Hockey Assn. plummeted to defeat last week.

Competing in the Pee Wee division, the Red Wings dropped a 9-0 decision to Culver City. Lacking high-scoring Stefan Malczewski and starter Robby Smith, the Wings played a defensive uninspired game.

In Bantam division play, the Torrance Bruins lost a 23-0 duke to experienced Norwalk. Bruin coach Bob Edwards is faced with a lack of players in the 12- to 14-year-old age group.



TINY ACE . . . Bobby Garcia, a 5-9 Santa Barbara product, will open at guard for El Camino tomorrow night in a home clash with Citrus. Garcia was an All-Metropolitan Conference selection last season.



MOUND GENIUS . . . El Camino College baseball coach Chuck Freeman presented the Athlete-Scholar trophy to former North High pitcher Jon Beck at the annual Athletic Awards Banquet recently. Beck topped all Warrior athletes during the past year with a 3.67 grade point average.

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## Grudge Tilt Pits South With West

West High will be out to avenge a one-point licking tomorrow afternoon when the Warriors journey to South High for a non-league cage contest.

The two quintets will take the court at 2:30 p.m.

In the second round of the recent Pacific Shores Tournament, inconsistent South held off a last-quarter challenge by the Warriors to post a 57-56 triumph. West missed a chance to knock over the Spartans when a layup went astray just as time ran out.

PERENNIAL CIF title contender Bell Gardens handed West a 64-58 defeat Tuesday afternoon behind a 24-point performance by 6-7 forward Bob Weide.

A candidate for all-CIF honors, Weide crippled the Warriors in the first half with short shots and wound up with the most points ever scored against a West quintet.

West trailed 35-20 at halftime mainly because of Weide. "He controlled the game in the first half," Warrior coach Tom Sutherland explained after the fray.

BELL GARDENS moved into a 19-8 lead after one quarter of play and increased the bulge by outscoring West, 16-12, in the second stanza.

With Richard Hall and 5-8 guard Dan Thomas suddenly on target, West moved into the ball game in the third quarter, sending 22 points through the hoop compared to 11 for Bell Gardens.

HALL, consistently West's leading scorer, tied his own school gunnery record with the 23-point outburst.



HEFTY CATCH . . . Young Henry Buxton, 21609 Marjorie in Torrance, will not have to tell friends about the "one that got away." Fishing from the "Catalina," a special boat out of Norm's Landing in San Pedro, Henry limited out on cow cod.

## TOUGH OPPOSITION

## Bishop Montgomery to Vie In St. Monica Tournament

Bishop Montgomery will test its chances for a Camino Real League cage crown this weekend in the St. Monica Tournament against three circuit foes.

Montgomery will meet St. John Vianney today at 7 p.m. in the opening round of the two-day tourney. St. Monica will tangle with Pater Noster in the other first-found clash.

Lawndale caught fire in the final quarter Tuesday afternoon to end Montgomery's two-game winning streak. Tiny guard Chris Apperson slipped in 12 points in the last stanza to pace a 52-49 Lawndale win.

WITH BILL BROWN (18 points) leading the way, BMHS built up a 14-7 first quarter bulge. Lawndale pulled ahead,

24-23, at intermission but Montgomery rushed into a 41-33 lead after three periods.

Then things changed and Apperson and his teammates hit everything available in the final quarter to pull out and upset triumph.

"We got three shots to their two, but we could not hit," Knight coach Roger Folsom commented after the tilt.

Previously, Montgomery had surprised potentially potent South High and walked over West to earn a two-game victory skein.

AGAINST WEST Saturday night, it was Brown who again led the Knight offensive. The 5-11 junior guard poured in 20

points to almost single-handedly lead the Montgomery win. Tony Guggiana was the next highest BMHS gunner with 8 points.

After one period, West held a 5-4 lead, but Montgomery got hot and managed a 29-13 bulge by intermission. In the third period, the Knights held a 15-12 scoring edge, but West came back in the last stanza to outlast the winners, 12-9.

John Cochran canned 12 markers and Dan Thomas added 9 for West. Folsom credited center John O'Connell and Guggiana with good work on the boards. Montgomery lost its top rebounder, Dennis Blackburn, through fouls in the third period.

## MT. SAC FALLS

## Lightweight Wrestlers Pace Non-Conference ECC Win

Strength in the lightweight divisions triggered El Camino College to a 26-14 non-conference wrestling victory over Mount San Antonio College last week.

El Camino won six of the 10 matches, concentrating most of the individual triumphs in the lighter classes. Four of the six Warrior wins came on pins.

Three freshmen proved instrumental in the Camino win. Tom McCann, an Aviation graduate wrestling in the 130-pound class, pinned Larry Seybert in 1:17 of the first round. Ex-Morningside mat ace Glenn Smith, a 147-pounder, disposed of Jim McGrath in a bare 45 seconds of the opening period. KEN BLIGHT, a freshman

from South High, took until 2:18 of the second round before pinning John Crandall in the 167-pound division.

A returning letterman, Dennis Albright of Torrance High, wrapped up a win in the 157-pound class by pinning Mike Montleone in 1:38 of the third round.

EL CAMINO'S other two individual triumphs were provided by former Torrance high school wrestlers. Rich Tamble from South, a letterman, decided Bennie McCraney in the 115-pound class. Sam Garcia, a monogram winner from North High, defeated Ralph Davis in the 137-pound classification. Garcia is the defending

Metropolitan Conference champ in his weight division.

In the 123-pound class, Allan Nakamura, a North High grad, dropped a decision to Frank Trujillo.

THREE WARRIORS were also beaten in heavyweight competition. Brian Van Gundy, a 177-pounder from Lawndale, and Terry Hansen, a 191-pounder, were both defeated by decisions. Ron Hampton, a freshman heavyweight from Centennial, was pinned.

Camino matmen will take a brief respite from competition during the Christmas holidays before resuming action on Saturday, Jan. 4, against Grossmont College.

## School Board Defines Rules Governing District Sports

Trustees of the Torrance Unified School District have approved a new district policy on athletic teams, contests, and supplies.

Under the new policy, district high schools will maintain a balanced athletic program under the rules of the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF). The policy restricts participation of Torrance teams to sports which can normally be played on local campuses.

According to the administrative rules defining the policy, each school will designate a Director of Athletics, generally one of the vice principals. Contests are limited to schools in Los Angeles County within

a radius of 60 miles of Torrance.

THE RULES authorize sizes for all squads, ranging from 40 members on each of four divisions in football to 18 members for the varsity and jayvee tennis teams. The policy authorizes teams in football, cross country, basketball, wrestling, baseball, track, tennis, and gymnastics.

Financial allotments for athletic supplies, exclusive of transportation to and from games, is to be computed on the size of the school. Large schools, defined as having enrollments of 1,751 or more, will get \$4 per student. Medium

size schools, 1,151 to 1,750, get \$4.50 per student. The small schools, having enrollments of 1,150 or less, will get \$5 per student.

COACHING assignments also vary with the size of the school in some cases. A total of 20 assignments for all sports are available for large schools, while small schools will be limited to 12 assignments. The medium schools will have 17 available assignments.

Under present enrollments, North and South high schools are classed as large schools. Torrance High rates in the medium class, while West is classed as a small school.